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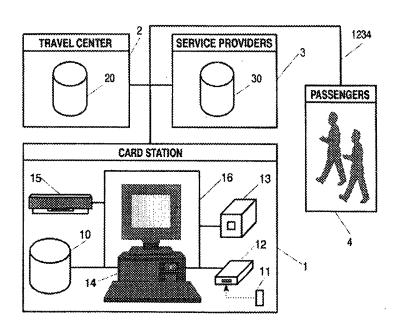
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57) ABSTRACT

A travel system and methods that encompass a plurality of travel service providers and multi-application passport cards for the automated compilation, issuance, and utilization of the passport cards for said plurality of travel services, including the implementation of related application scenarios. The multi-application cards are realized by portable device technologies, such as, smart cards or pocket-sized computer devices, and have the ability to store and activate a traveler's permit for transportation and other passport services; as well as a monetary value for electronic payment means. Biometrics identification of cardholders, as well as cryptographic certification of card data and travel-related information, can optionally be encoded onto the cards and can be verified, including validated, at various point-ofservice locations upon presentation of the card for utilization.

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